

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Online

Newsletter

15th October 2023

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 15th Oct. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 14th – Sun. 15th Oct. '23

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald C.C. (087) 605 5783

Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on

FM 104.5

www.ballyfinparish.ie www.mountrathparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

1st Holy Communion
Dates See Page 8



Social Dancing

in St. Philomena's Hall,

October Bank Holiday

Tues. 30th Oct.

9.30 – 12 midnight

Adm. € 10.00

Music by Glen Flynn



Have you installed our new Parish App.

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At the touch of your screen you have

All Mass Times and Anniversary Remembrances

3 Newsletters

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Lotto Results

All Sacramental Arrangements

Latest Parish and Diocesan News

And Much Much More

Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move

Luke (24:13-35)



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Universal Synod on Synodality

(Began in Rome on 4th Oct)

Blessing at the end of Mass During the Synod

The Lord be with you! – **All. And with your spirit.**

May God our Father, who many times and in various ways spoke to our fathers through the prophets, always guide you and the whole Church in fidelity to His Word and in the discernment of His will. **All. Amen.**

May the Son, sent in the fullness of time to manifest to us the riches of the Father's mercy, keep us in communion with Him and with our brothers and sisters. **All. Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit lead all of us and in particular the Synod Assembly, to recognise the signs of the times so that, adhering in everything to the will of God, we bear abundant fruit of unity for the life of the Church for the proclamation of the Gospel. **All. Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, The Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit, descend upon us and remain with us forever. **All. Amen.**

Laois Hospice Coffee Morning at St. Fintan's Hall

The organising committee of the recent Coffee Morning for Laois Hospice raised €1,105. The committee wishes to thank everybody who so generously donated and also thank you to the people who so generously gave of their time to help out.

Golden Years Church Gate Collection

The Golden Years Club wishes to thank all who so generously supported their recent church gate collection. The Club meets every Thursday at 2.30pm in St. Fintan's Hall. There is always room for anybody who might wish to join us for a chat, a cuppa and a game of Bingo. - You are most welcome to join us.

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

Our New-Look Parish App. came online recently Check it out.

*A Very Sincere "Thank you" for Your Most Generous Support
of all our Parish Collections*

Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be
celebrated

in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes

on Fri. 26th April 2024

Ceremony in Mountrath Parish Ch. at 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Ch. at 2.30 pm

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell – at home, in
hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical
procedures. - We wish them a speedy recovery.

We Keep and Hold in our thoughts and Prayers

Eamon Dunne, Cappanrush, Cappanrush - Fr. O'Connor Cresc., R.I.P.

We pray for Eamon who died peacefully at St. Vincent's Care Unit, Mountmellick on Sun. 8th Oct. Eamon's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Wed. 11th Oct. followed by burial in New Cemetery, Ballyfin. We extend sympathy to his wife Mary, son Noel, grandchildren Jessica and Alfie, brothers Martin and Jimmy, sisters Mary and Ena, step-children, extended family, relatives and his many friends in Ballyfin, Mountrath, Mountmellick and beyond.

Seán Martyn, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. – Formerly The Square. R.I.P.

We pray for Seán who died peacefully at his home on Tues. 10th Oct. Seán's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Ballyvaughan on Fri. 13th followed by burial in Bishop's Quarter Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife Kathleen, children Damien, Aisling and John and their families. grandchildren Cathal, Diarmuid, Seán and Lia. brothers Michael and Joe - sisters Mary, Dolores and Ann and their families, nephews, his great friend Pat and a wide circle of friends.

May Eamon and Sean rest in the peace of Christ.

Prayer attributed to St. John Henry Newman

Lord, ay you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

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Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. –

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Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in
by 12 midday on Thursdays

Text Message, Email, Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.

(Our Parish Newsletters are online and on App. from early Saturday morning)

Mountrath

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 14th - Sun. 22nd Oct.

Sat. 14th Oct. 7.00 pm John Wall. England. (Woodbrook)

Sun. 15th Oct. 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am 28th Sun. Ord. Time

Mon. 16th Oct 10.00 am

Tues. 17th Oct. 10.00 am Helena Gallagher - Phil and Seán Croke, Main St.,

Wed. 18th Oct. 10.00 am

Thur. 19th Oct 10.00 am

Fri. 20th Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 21st Oct. 7.00 pm Denise Delaney (nee Reynolds) Kiln Lane. Month's Mind

Ivo Rice, Melbourne 1st Anniv.

Seamus Ryan, Patrick St., 9th Anniv.

Mick and Betty Farrell, Lower Mills.

Sun. 22nd Oct. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church.](#)

11.30 am Bernie O'Keeffe, Woodbrook

Peter Farrell, Patrick St.,

*Lord, for your faithful people,
Life is changed, not ended*



Ballyfin

Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 13th - Sun. 22nd Oct.

Fri. 13th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Denis, Catherine and Johnny Daly, Pallas.

Sat. 14th Oct. 8.00 pm John Fitzpatrick – Ross

Danny Costello, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise 10th Anniv.

Sun. 15th Oct. 10.00 am Ann Hogan, 9th Anniv.

Mon. 16th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Fri. 20th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

. 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. 21st Oct. 8.00 pm Mary (Molly) Fitzpatrick, Ross. 21st Anniv.

Jim and Julia Thompson, Upper Sconce

George and Mary Phelan, Barnashrone.

Sun. 22nd Oct. 10.00 am Frances Lawlor, Cappinacclare. 5th Anniv.

Mon. 23rd Oct 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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“Do This in Memory” Programme

1st Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

Enrolemnt Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30th Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1st Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

“Do This in Memory” Children’s Masses

1. Sat. 11th Nov Mountrath Church, 7.00 pm
Sun. 12th Nov. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
2. Sat. 9th Dec. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 10th Dec. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
3. Sat. 13th Jan. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 14th Jan. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
4. Sat. 10th Feb. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 11th Feb. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
5. Sat. 9th Mch.. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 10th Mch. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
6. Sat. 13th Apr. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 14th Apr. . Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
7. Sat. 4th May Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 5th May Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

(The) Sacrament of 1st Penance

will be celebrated in March. Arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament will be put in place in due course in conjunction with the Schools.

Dates for Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Sun. 5th May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 12th May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

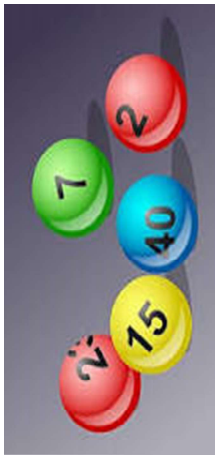
With Children of all Mountrath Schools

Sun. 19th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With Children of Barnashrone National School



Ballyfin Lotto Results

10th Oct.

Nos. Drawn 2 14 16 26

No Jackpot Winner

12 Match 3's Rec. € 84 .00 ea

Next Week's Jackpot € 10,000

A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. I extend a very sincere "thank you" for your support and generosity.

Mountrath Parish Lotto

12th Oct.

Nos. Drawn 3 14 23 27

No Jackpot Winner

17 Match 3's Rec. € 77 ea

1 Local Winner

Rí Phelan

Promoter,

Eddie Phelan



Next Week's Jackpot. € 20,000

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*Next
Week's* 

€ 20,000 - Mountrath

€ 11,000 Ballyfin

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IRELANDS FINEST DANCING BAND

St. Philamena's Hall

Mountrath

Bank Holiday Mon.

30th Oct - 9.30 - 12.mn

Supper Served. Adm.€ 10

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Contact Lily on
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Marriage Encounter Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any
Sacramentally married couple.

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause
you to lose touch with your spouse.

This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and
reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday
3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit our
website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why: Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



Universal Synod on Synodality

This week, the Standing Committee of the Irish Bishops' Conference met at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, to discuss the forthcoming universal Synod on Synodality. This will take place in Rome from 4 – 29 October, on the theme: 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

Bishops reflected that, "The Synodal Process is about conversion, and we pray that all participants will be open in mind and heart to what the Holy Spirit wants of each individually, and collectively. In light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', we encourage people of faith to unceasingly pray to God over the coming weeks at daily and weekend Masses, at home, and in religious communities, to intercede for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly."

Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick, and Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Raphoe, will represent the Irish Church at this global assembly.

The aim of the Synodal Process is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term. It was initiated by Pope Francis who, in October 2021, convened the whole Church in Synod. Since that time there have been gatherings of the faithful at parish, national and continental levels.

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity, I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable
to “Mountrath Parish” - or “Ballyfin Parish”

Please indicate - Parish Fund or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the
Parish)

Cheques can be posted to – Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie ←

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ←

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme, just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

Some Pics from Mountrath and Ballyfin GAA Facebook Pages



News From Across The Diocese

Second book of writings of the late Fr John Cummins

Following the 'runaway success' of the first book, the family of Fr John Cummins have issued a second publication in his memory. This new book, also named "My Life in Your Hands", contains more sermons of Fr. John's.

The new publication is an accompaniment to the initial book which contained the sermons for Sundays in Year A of the 3-year liturgical calendar. This second volume contains Fr. John's sermons for Year B and Year C of the church cycle. It also contains reflections for secondary school students, tributes by friends and numerous photographs.

The late Fr. Cummins was known for his good humour and easy manner as well as his preaching skills. As a young priest, he spent five years in Rome studying for his doctorate in Celtic Spirituality. Fr. John spent most of his priestly ministry in Carlow town where he was chaplain in the then Regional College and Administrator in the Cathedral. A native of Newbridge, he earlier served in Naas. He became PP of Abbeyleigh and Ballyroan only 18 months before his death.

The homilies of Fr. John are rooted not only in scripture, but also in the everyday issues of contemporary Ireland. They will be useful for personal reflection at any time and will be valued by anyone with an interest in religion and spirituality.

"My Life in Your Hands" retails at € 15 and all proceeds after printing costs will be donated to the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

It is available in parish offices throughout the diocese and Woodbine Books Kilcullen and Farrell & Nephew, Newbridge. For further information please see <https://www.kandle.ie/my-life-in-your-hands-sermons-of-the-late-fr-john-cummins/>

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate effectively? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next VIRTUAL programme commences 19th – 22nd October, 2023.

For information contact Mike- 087 2526812 / Anne - 087 6874658 or send an enquiry to info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com or see www.retrouvaille.ie Completely confidential.

Caragh Pastoral Council invites you to:

Suicide Remembrance Service Friday, November 3rd

Family Mass Sunday, November 5th (10am): If any family is interested in getting involved, they can contact Philly Cassells on 087 6269244

Remembrance Service Saturday, November 18th:- We remember our Dead Memorial service for babies, who passed away through miscarriage, Still birth and Neo Natal deaths Friday, November 24th, "Their time was short, yet very precious". All are very welcome to attend.

For more details please contact Caragh Parish Office, (045) 875602

Catechism in a Year

Would you like to read the Catechism in a year? We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear> Join us on Mondays, 8:00pm - 9:30 pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. For any enquiries, please contact Alice on 087 6505803

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer & contemplation, monastic work and community life?

The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's abbey, Glencairn invite single women, aged 19-40, to our upcoming monastic vocations weekend on 27-29 October, 2023

Please contact our vocation director, Sr Sarah
at vocations@glencairnabbey.org

Or visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details

Catholic Marriage Encounter

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland a special Weekend has been scheduled for the 10th -12th November 2023. Venue:

The Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Eircode W91 XR23

This Weekend is available to all married couples at no fixed charge beyond the deposit of €50 per couple and a voluntary donation. To book

visit www.marriageencounter.ie

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country. Just imagine the difference it could make if 2 million gardens became biodiversity friendly! Gardening for Biodiversity also has advantages for human health and wellbeing. For gardens to be good for pollinators, they need to provide food in the form of flowers, shelter for nesting and safety from chemicals. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Trial Balance – Formatted - Ballyfin Parish

Date Range 1st Jan 2022 To 31st Dec 2022

Code	Description	2022	2021
		Current €	Comparative €
Profit and Loss			
Sales			
001	Basket Collection	14,838.73	8,149.38
002	Envelope Collection	28,782.63	28,603.02
003	Shrine Income	743.19	725.72
004	Rental Income	12,680.00	1,215.00
005	Fundraising	-	-
006	Donations Bequests	526.00	-
007	Tax Refunds/Rebate	17,250.71	600.23
008	Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	-	-
009	Income from Parish Investment Fund	-	-
010	Deposit Interest Received	-	-
011	Other Investment Income	-	-
012	Office Shop Margin	-	16.40
013	Lotto Income	7,302.00	12,206.65
014	Diocesan Levy Collection	-	-
015	Other Collections	120.15	-328.63
020	Other Income	701.37	-
		€82,944.78	€51,187.77
Cost of Sales			
		-	-
	Gross Profit	€82,944.78	€51,187.77

	Gross Profit %	100.00	100.00
Overhead Expenses			
301	Wages and salaries	-	-
303	Employers NIC (UK) PRSI (Ireland)	-	-
305	Pension costs	-	-
309	Pastoral Programme Expenses	1,517.00	1,250.80
322	Rent payable	-	-
326	Insurance	4,520.68	4,901.67
330	Security	273.24	273.24
331	Light and heat	14,484.25	9,643.12
332	Cleaning	245.01	1,885.45
333	Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	261.28	2,843.77
334	Repairs and maintenance	15,475.32	4,398.56
335	Diocesan Levy	6,576.00	4,110.00
336	Clergy Fund	-	-
337	Diocesan Retirement Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00
341	Missalettes, Printing Stationery	3,244.32	4,661.08
342	Altar Shrine Requisites	3,766.12	2,455.10
345	Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	4,661.02	1,814.03
346	Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	1,440.00	2,202.09
347	Hire of Equipment	262.88	400.00
348	Music/Choir Expenses	-	-
365	Legal and Professional	-	904.76
368	Accountancy Fees	1,576.03	220.08
370	Youth and Community Expenses	-	-
371	Bank charges	1,632.13	776.32
375	Donations/Collections	-	-102.94
376	Interest on Parish Investment Fund Loans	-	-
378	Other Loan Interest	94.51	4.19
381	General expenses	-	-
391	Depreciation of intangible assets	-	-
392	Depreciation of tangible assets	-	-
394	Profits/losses on disposals of tangible assets	-	-
399	Capital gains/losses on disposal of property	-	-
		€61,029.79	€44,641.32
Other Income		-	-
	Operating Profit	€21,914.99	€6,546.45
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Investment Income		-	-
Interest Payable		-	-
Profit and Loss Suspense		-	-
	Profit for the year	€21,914.99	€6,546.45

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Links to Webcams on Home Page

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Fadó Faces

at

"The Gallery of Divine Inspirations"
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*Fadó Faces is an art
exhibition celebrating
the lives and stories of older people in
County Laois.
Through traditional portrait painting
and digital art by a selection
of local artists.*

22nd September-29th October 2023



Fadó Faces at Bloom HQ

At the Gallery of Divine Inspirations

To celebrate the diverse and amazing talented people around us, we are launching The Gallery of Divine Inspirations on Culture Night Friday 22nd September at 7pm. Fadó Faces will be the first of many artistic showcases, launched on Friday 22nd and then on show in BloomHQ until 29th October when another Artist will launch and exhibit their collection.

Everyone is welcome to come and immerse yourself in a truly creative life experience.



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EVERY MONTH AT 10.30AM
WHERE: PORTLAOISE PARISH
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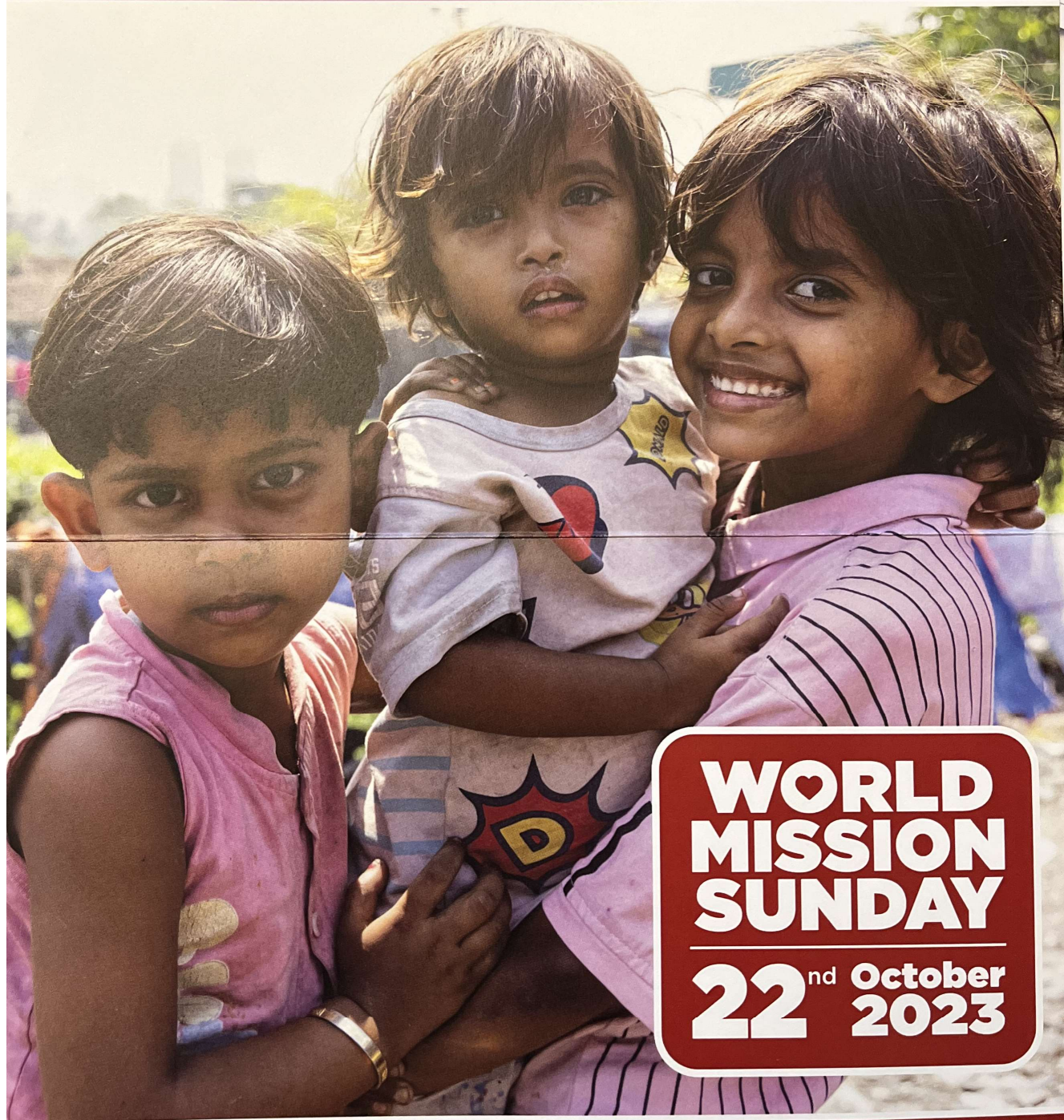
Community Climate Action Programme (Note from Diocesan Office)

We have been contacted by the Community Climate Action Officer for Carlow Local Authority however there is a similar position in every Local Authority so this information applies to everyone. Funding has been ring fenced (Community Climate Action Programme) by each local authority for carbon reduction initiatives which is a big item on the agenda at the moment. I am attaching a copy of the Powerpoint Presentation for Carlow and the general information is the same for each county. Funding will be available for projects which:

- Reduce or support reduction of greenhouse gases,
 - Increase production of renewable energy,
 - Improve energy efficiency,
 - Improve climate resilience,
- Are nature based projects, enhance biodiversity and climate resilience,
 - Assist with transition to low carbon economy,
 - And provide innovative solutions to climate change.

Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move

Luke (24:13-35)



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